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WASHINGTON, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 5696

Kerry-Edwards 2004, Inc. David Thorne, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

This is in response to your letter dated January 18, 2006, which we received on that day, requesting a 30-day extension to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on February 20, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact me on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Alva DeJarnett-Miller, Paralegal

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